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- **Accomplishments** ♦ In 2007, the Commission launched *Call &* Reponse, an online newsletter highlighting
- ◆ Since 2007, the Commission has held an annual meeting and awards presentation each year in January.
- Preserving Our Places in History Awards. The

South Carolina is blessed with a diverse and profound African American heritage that is reflected in the people and places that give this heritage meaning — from the plantation fields to the Gullah culture, from slaves to statesmen, from sharecropper housing to middleclass Victorian homes. This legacy includes religious and educational institutions, commercial buildings, residences, archaeological sites, and cultural traditions. These places and cultural expressions remind us of the courage, endurance, and achievements of those who came before us. They help make South Carolina the



First African Baptist Church ♦ 1861

these resources are at risk. Many valuable African American disappeared from the landscape, others are on the verge of being lost, and still more have yet to be began the arduous

these significant contributions were remembered and

The movement toward recognizing the importance of preserving this cultural richness led to the passage of a joint resolution by the General Assembly in 1993 that established the South Carolina African American Heritage Council and to its establishment as a commission by executive order of Governor Jim Hodges in 2001.

The mission of the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission is to identify and promote the preservation of historic sites, structures, buildings, and culture of the African American experience and to assist and enhance the efforts of the South Carolina

15-member state. Services

Unfortunately, many of historic resources have identified. In the 1970s some visionary people

task of seeing that

preserved for future generations.

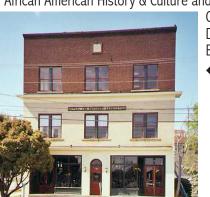
Department of Archives and History (SCDAH). The foundation includes representatives from all regions of the



Major John Hammond Fordham House ♦ 1903 Orangeburg

The Foundation has been working for more than a decade to fulfill its mission. It does this by

- ◆ Providing advice and technical information in partnership with the Department of Archives & History — to individuals and groups who want to
- preserve historic places; ◆ Encouraging and supporting the listing of African American historic sites in the National Register of Historic Places and the placement of South Carolina Historical Markers to recognize and interpret places
- important in African American history; ◆ Collaborating with SCDAH in publishing annual updates of South Carolina's African American Historic Places:
- ◆ Promoting the infusion of African American history into the curriculum of public schools through a partnership with the Avery Research Center for African American History & Culture and the South



North Carolina Mutual Building ♦ 1909 ♦ Columbia

Carolina Department of Education:

◆ Providing a forum for people interested in preserving African American heritage to learn what

### Special Project **Rosenwald Schools**

culture.

and workshops; and

The Foundation is working to identify, record, and encourage the preservation of South Carolina's Rosenwald Schools. The Rosenwald Fund helped

is happening statewide, to share success stories,

and to receive technical information at meetings

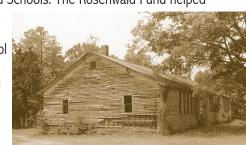
◆ Collaborating with other organizations and

agencies to encourage the preservation of

South Carolina's African American history and

provide for nearly 500 school buildinas for African American children in South Carolina

between



Howard Junior High ♦ 1925 ♦ Near Prosperity

1914 and 1932. At a time when state support for educating African American children was woefully inadequate, Rosenwald Schools played a critical role in educating these children.

- news about and people involved with African American historic preservation in the state.
- ◆Since 2006, the Commission has presented

awards are intended to recognize the efforts being made by a number of individuals and organizations to preserve the legacy of the African American presence in South Carolina and also to encourage others in these efforts.

◆ Since 1999, the African American Heritage Commission has helped reduce the number of counties having no recognized African American historic resources from fourteen counties to two in 2007.



Randolph Cemetery 1871 **♦** *Columbia* 

◆In 2005, the Commission successfully lobbied the South Carolina General Assembly for \$25,000 in funding to support the work of the Commission.

◆Over the years the Commission has hosted workshops and seminars on African American preservation issues. In 2007, the Commission hosted two regional workshops in Florence and Hartsville, and partnered with Archives and History to host

a statewide conference on African American churches titled "In Our Trust: Preserving the African American Church in South Carolina." The Commission also hosted its first annual meeting in 2007.

◆ In 1994, the Commission (then known as the African American Heritage Council) received a preservation award from the National Park Service Southeast Regional Office for the Council's efforts to preserve the state's African American buildings and sites.

# South Carolina African American Heritage Foundation

The South Carolina African American Heritage Foundation supports the efforts of the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission to assist the Department of Archives and History in the preservation of African American history and culture in South Carolina.

### **Membership**

There are two ways to support and join in the work of the Commission.

#### Associate Members

Anyone can become a non-voting associate member of the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission. Associate members receive:

- ◆Invitations to all Commission meetings
- ◆ A copy of African American Historic Places in South Carolina
- ◆ A subscription to *Call & Response*, the Commission's quarterly newsletter
- ◆ A subscription to *News and Notes*, a monthly online newsletter from the Historic Preservation Division
- ◆ Notification of special workshops and meetings

### Foundation Membership

Join the South Carolina African American Heritage Foundation to support the Foundation in its mission of providing additional support to the Commission. Foundation members receive all the benefits of associate members and also receive discount registrations for workshops and meetings.

#### **Related Links**

## South Carolina African American Heritage Commission www.state.sc.us/scdah/afamer/hpaahcommission.htm

This is the Commission's official website and contains current event and special project information.

# South Carolina African American Heritage Foundation www.scaaheritagefound.org

This is the Foundation's official website.

## South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office www.state.sc.us/scdah/histrcpl.htm

Visit this website for information about tax incentives and grants, rehabilitation dos and don'ts, archaeology, and much more.

#### Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture at the College of Charleston www.cofc.edu/avery/

The Center focuses on African American history and culture of Charleston and the South Carolina Low Country.

# Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor www.nps.gov/guge/index.htm

This is the official website of the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor.

## Rosenwald Schools Initiative www.rosenwaldschools.com/index.html

This site sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation will introduce you to the current national movement to save these schools.

#### Penn Center

#### www.penncenter.com/

The mission of Penn Center is to promote and preserve the history and culture of the Sea Islands.

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